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SUBJECT: JOURNALIST "SAFE AT HOME" AFTER NIGHT IN HIDING

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¶1. (SBU) At 2030 hrs on October 11 Salah Uddin Shoaib Choudhury called POLOFF to provide an update of his situation. Choudhury told POLOFF that he was now "safe at home." Choudhury said his lawyer had arranged "anticipatory bail" for him on an arrest warrant regarding the charges filed against him by Helaluddin Khan, whom Choudhury had identified as one of the people who attacked him on October 15.

¶2. (SBU) POLOFF asked Choudhury to contact us immediately if there are any developments in the case. POLOFF also informed Choudhury that an Embassy observer would be monitoring his sedition court hearing on October 12.

¶3. (SBU) Choudhury said he was thankful for the Embassy's efforts in helping him over the past few years, and particularly for the assistance provided over the past few days. He also expressed regret over the Wall Street Journal's characterization of the Embassy's relationship with him. He asked that POLOFF convey his thanks to the Ambassador and Charge.

¶4. (SBU) Embassy will continue to maintain close contact with Choudhury, and check in with him daily. An Embassy observer will attend his sedition case hearing on October 12.
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